



Docket No.: 21420 US (C038435/0185662)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of: )  
Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.* ) Examiner: L. TONGUE  
Serial No.: 10/528,881 ) Art Unit: 1645  
Filed: September 9, 2005 )  
For: **MICROORGANISM AND PROCESS** )  
**FOR PREPARING VITAMIN B<sub>6</sub>** )

New York, New York  
February 9, 2009

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before February 9, 2009, because February 8, 2009 fell on a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1110.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees, or any other fees, not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendment Dated: February 9, 2009

Reply to Office Action Dated: August 8, 2008

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:** None.

**REMARKS** begin on page 8 of this paper.